

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

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OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

## CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Michal Rechner
Acting Division Manager
Aquatic Resources Division
Washington Department of Natural Resources
1111 Washington Street SE
PO Box 47027
Olympia, WA 98504-7027

Re: First Request for Information; Bremerton Gas Works Superfund Site, Bremerton, Washington

Dear Mr. Michal Rechner:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 is investigating the releases or threat of releases of hazardous substances associated with the Bremerton Gas Works Superfund Site. The EPA seeks your cooperation in this investigation.

The EPA is seeking information from current and past landowners, tenants, and other entities believed to have information about activities that may have resulted in releases or potential threats of releases of hazardous substances to the Site. This information will be used for the purposes of determining the need for response, or choosing or taking any response action at the Bremerton Gas Works Superfund Site, and to identify additional potentially responsible parties for performing the cleanup.

Compliance with the Information Request set forth in Attachment A is mandatory. Failure to respond fully and truthfully to the Information Request within 90 days of receipt of this letter, or adequately to justify such failure to respond, can result in enforcement action by EPA pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604. CERCLA permits EPA to seek the imposition of penalties of up to \$55,907 for each day of continued non-compliance.

Please note that responses which are incomplete, ambiguous or evasive may be treated as non-compliant with this Information Request. Also be further advised that provision of false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. You have an ongoing duty under this first Information Request to supplement your response with any additional information or documents that become available or known to you after you submit your response. This Information Request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. § 3501.

Please carefully read the Instructions and the Definitions that are attached to the Information Request. In addition to important information about how to respond to this Request, there are also directions about

how the response must be submitted to the EPA. If the EPA has a document, as described on EPA's Bremerton Gas Works website, you still must identify or describe information from or relevant to the document in response to questions asked, but you will not have to provide another copy of the document. Please note, if a document is not specifically described on the EPA's Bremerton Gas Works website, you must provide a full and complete copy to the EPA as instructed in the Information Request, even if you believe the EPA may have the document. The EPA's Bremerton Gas Works website is located at the following URL:

https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=1002907

Your response to this first Information Request is due no later than 90 days. Please mail your response to:

Eva DeMaria
Remedial Project Manager
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
Office of Environmental Cleanup, M/S ECL-122
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155
Seattle, Washington 98101-3140

If you have any general questions about the Site, you may call Ms. DeMaria at (206) 553-1970, or contact her by email at demaria.eva@epa.gov. If you have legal questions or questions about this letter, you may contact or, if you are represented by legal counsel, have your attorney contact Stephanie Ebright, Assistant Regional Counsel, at (206) 553-0774 or ebright.stephanie@epa.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Unit Manager

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Shayne Cothern